

CHAPTER 1 SECTION 26.5

URGENT CARE

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I. DESCRIPTION

Urgent care is medically necessary treatment that is required for illness or injury that would not result in further disability or death if not treated immediately. The illness or injury does require professional attention, and should be treated within 24 hours to avoid development of a situation in which further complications could result if treatment is not received.

II. POLICY

A. Urgent care requirements for TRICARE Prime enrollees are administered by the contractor.

B. TRICARE beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Prime may ask for urgent care advice from a TRICARE Service Center or Health Care Finder.

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